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REMARKS

Claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 are now pending in the application.

With respect to the rejection to original claims 1 to 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested on the following grounds.

The Applicant submits a new independent claim 17 that he believes is allowable.

Amendments to dependent claims have been made to refer to the new independent claim and for clarity and compatibility purposes only. The scope defined by these claims is not modified by these amendments.

Claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 as presented above are believed to overcome the Examiner's rejections of original claims 1 to 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the present amendments.

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 2 to 15, and 17 to 19 at an early date is solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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